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CIA Monitoring Urged by Four

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All four agreed that some sort of agency should be created to oversee the CIA in an effort to monitor its spy activities. Some said the monitoring effort could be conducted inside the CIA while others argued for an independent board.

The four appeared at the 12th weekly meeting of the commission, which was created by President Ford to investigate charges of illegal domestic spying by the CIA and to recommend possible changes in the agency's charter to more clearly prohibit domestic activity.

Arthur R. Miller, a Harvard law professor, said that the CIA could set up its own board to monitor its activities.

But William W. Van Alstyne, a Duke University law professor, said he did not believe such a board would be

“publicly reassuring.”

Edward J. Bloustein, president of Rutgers University, said he also favored an independent agency named by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches.

The fourth witness, Dr. Orville J. Brim Jr., president of the Foundation for Child Development, New York City, and an expert on individual privacy, said he also believed in an independent body.

In addition to the four professors, the commission also heard from a CIA official not named for security reasons.